

HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CONSERVATION, FORESTRY, AND OUTDOOR RECREATION

Appropriations Room, State Capitol Building Thursday 9:00 A.M September 13, 2006

Representative David Hildenbrand, Vice-Chair, called the Joint House Committee meeting (Conservation, Forestry, and Outdoor Recreation and Natural Resources of the Standing Committee on Appropriations) to order.

Representative Hildenbrand requested attendance be called to establish a quorum of the appointed committee members:

Present: Representatives Casperson, Hildenbrand, Garfield, Nitz, McDowell, Sheltroun and Espinoza.

Absent: Representatives Stakoe, Baxter, Rocca and Gillard.

The Vice-Chair proceeded with the business of the committee by introducing **Rebecca A. Humphries, Director** of the **Michigan Department of Natural Resources**. **Director Humphries** gave an overview of the current state of the Department programs and the funding outlook for the future. Questions and discussion followed.

Representative Casperson assumed the **Chair**.

Mike Andrews, representing himself as owner of Scent-Lok Technologies, testified on the importance of outdoor sport activities to the State of Michigan's economy.

Darin Goens, representing the National Rifle Association, and **Chuck Perricone**, representing the Michigan Coalition for Responsible Gun Owners, testified in support of the 2nd amendment and the Dove Hunting ballot proposal.

Ric Federau, representing himself, testified in support of access to all Michigan waterways and the impact on the Michigan economy. Mr. Federau also submitted written testimony.*

Brian Preston, representing the National Wildlife Federation, testified before the committee and complemented the committee members on their support of Sportsmen's Day.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** adjourned the meeting, the time being **10:15 a.m.**

Representative Tom Casperson, Chair

Dave Mead
Committee Clerk
September 13, 2006
1 Hour 15 Minutes

Date Approved and Signed

* indicated printed material attached to original minutes.